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# 1 Overview

The NLC-COM-GSM communication expansion module allows a nanoLC controller to communicate using the Global System for Mobile communication (GSM) network. This wireless network is the same network that supports cellular telephones, providing communication access from virtually anywhere.



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The NLC-COM-CELLULAR-CDMA module allows a nanoLC controller to communicate to a Verizon® wireless network. This wireless network is the same network that supports cellular telephones, providing communication access anywhere within the Verizon wireless coverage network.



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This document uses the term NLC-COM-... to refer to common elements of the NLC-COM-GSM and NLC-COM-CELLULAR-CDMA communication modules. It does not apply to the NLC-COM-ENET-MB1 communication module, which is described in the nanoLC User Manual.

The NLC-COM-... module is part of the nanoLC controller family, attaching to the left side of a base unit as a communication expansion module.



Only one communication expansion module may be connected to a base unit at a time.

A set of LEDs on the face of the NLC-COM-... module provide an overview of operational status. In addition, the software provides fault and warning strings that can be forwarded to remote locations. For additional information regarding the nanoLC product line, refer to the nanoLC User Manual.

# 1.1 SMS messaging

The module supports the Short Message Service (SMS) protocol utilized by many cellular telephones and some other wireless devices. SMS allows text-based messages up to 160 characters (nanoNavigator messages are limited to 80 characters). Using SMS, the nanoLC can accept and send messages.

# 1.2 Configuration

#### **NLC-COM-GSM**

nanoNavigator programming software is used to configure the module. Up to sixteen 18-digit telephone numbers can be entered in nonvolatile memory. These numbers are then transferred to the NLC-COM-GSM module.

Telephone numbers can be configured to permit control messages to be received by the nanoLC or to allow monitoring of control messages, faults and warnings via SMS messages.

For additional information regarding nanoNavigator software, refer to the Help system provided with the software.

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# 1.2.1 Security

Several levels of password security prevent unauthorized changes to the nanoLC or unauthorized SMS commands from being executed by the nanoLC. This security is configured using nanoNavigator software. All passwords are optional.

- nanoLC Password: General password that prevents modification of the nanoLC configuration.
- Each SMS message may include a 16-character password to limit unauthorized control and access to the nanoLC. Any incoming messages without the password are ignored.

The NLC-COM-GSM has an additional security level.

 SIM Card PIN: 4-character password that is stored on the SIM card. This must match the entry in the nanoLC or the modem is unusable.

# 2 Installation and connection

As modular devices, the nanoLC system components are simple to connect and configure for specific applications. In addition to selecting the correct base unit, additional I/O modules with the desired I/O mix, communication modules and Operator Panel can be selected for the specific application.

# 2.1 Installing modules on the mounting rail



This procedure describes only the installation of a base unit and communication expansion module connected to the left side of the base unit. For additional modules, refer to the *nanoLC User Manual*.

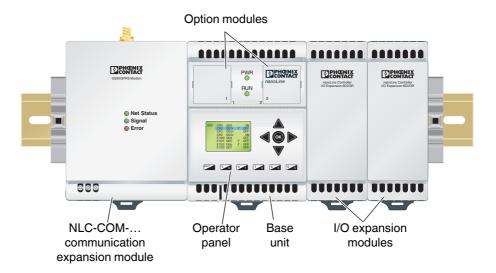


Figure 2-1 Module locations

- 1. Use a small screwdriver to remove the plastic over the DSUB 9 connector on the left side of the base module before mounting the module on the rail.
- 2. Pull the release latch out before positioning the base unit on the mounting rail.

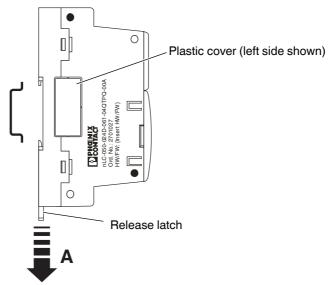


Figure 2-2 Base unit release latch

- 3. Hook the unit onto the mounting rail.
- 4. Swivel the module fully onto the rail and push the release latch in to secure it to the rail.

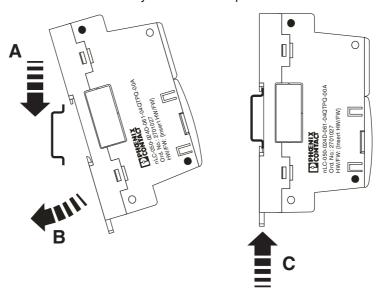


Figure 2-3 Rail placement

5. Repeat steps 2-4 for the NLC-COM-... module, placing it on the left side of the base unit.

- 6. Slide the module to the right against the base unit. A slight resistance will be felt as the DSUB 9 connectors mate. When properly installed, the housing of the base unit and the NLC-COM-... module should touch.
- Install clamps on each side of the nanoLC components to lock them to the rail. Order No. 0800886 is recommended.

# 2.2 Removing modules from the mounting rail

To remove a nanoLC module from the mounting rail:



#### **CAUTION:**

Always disconnect power to the system at the power source before removing any components from the mounting rail. Do not remove power wires from the connector without disconnecting power at the source.

- Disconnect power to the base unit at the power source. If input/output wiring is to be disconnected, disable any separate power supplies attached to effected I/O devices.
- 2. Disconnect the power supply wires from the base unit and communication module.
- 3. Slide the communication module to the left to separate it from the base module.



#### NOTE:

Do not slide multiple I/O expansion modules as a group, as damage to the interfacing connectors may occur.

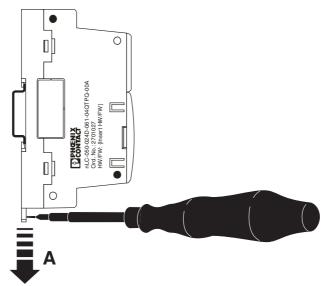


Figure 2-4 Latch release for module removal

4. With all wires to the module disconnected, use a small screwdriver to pull down on the release latch and lift the module off the mounting rail.

# 2.3 Power connection

The nanoLC system components use a screw connection technology for power connection. Individual connection points are labeled on the housing surface with appropriate identifiers. Use a small screwdriver to turn the screw counterclockwise to release and clockwise to tighten wires after insertion into the appropriate position.



### **WARNING:**

Do not apply power to the controller until all connections are complete and all I/O devices are known to be in a safe position.

The NLC-COM-... module requires a power supply connection of 12 to 24 V DC (this can be shared with the base unit power connection). The connection terminals accept 0.14 to 2.5 mm² (14 to 26 AWG) wire. A functional earth ground is provided to direct any transients away from attached modules and components.



Figure 2-5 Power connections

## 2.4 Antenna connection

To access the cellular network, an antenna (not included) must be connected to the NLC-COM-... module. The module connector is an SMA-F (female) requiring an SMA-M antenna connector.

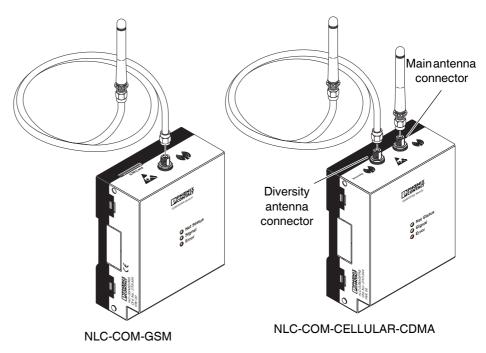


Figure 2-6 Antenna connection

Choose an antennas that meet the requirements for the application and the specifications of the NLC-COM-... module (see "Ordering data" on page 58 for a few options). If the direction of broadcast is known, directional (Yagi) antennas can be installed. This will provide a concentrated signal in the direction it is pointed. Omnidirectional antennas broadcast signals in all directions, but it is a weaker signal since it is not focused in a specific direction. In lieu of doing a full site analysis, an antenna location can be tested using a cell phone that uses the same network/antennas. A good cell phone signal will likely result in a good modem signal.

The antenna attaches to the end of the module. The antenna should be mounted in a clear area where limited interference will occur.

The NLC-COM-CELLULAR-CDMA provides a diversity antenna connector to install an additional antenna improve transmission quality and reliability in certain areas. Note that an antenna must be attached to the main antenna connector. Use of a diversity antenna is optional and disabled by default.

# 2.4.1 NLC-COM-CELLULAR-CDMA switch settings

The NLC-COM-CELLULAR-CDMA includes DIP switches on the back of the unit to enable certain features of the module. The switches should be set before mounting the device on the rail and will only take effect after a power cycle.

The switch settings are:

Table 2-1 NLC-COM-CELLULAR-CDMA DIP switch settings

Switch	ON state	OFF state
S4	Enables diversity antenna	Disables diversity antenna
S3	Enables standalone mode	Required for Nanoline communication
S2	Required for firmware update or standalone mode	Required for Nanoline communication
S1	Enables firmware update mode	Required for Nanoline communication

Standalone mode allows the NLC-COM-CELLULAR-CDMA module to communicate via AT commands through the D-SUB 9 connector.

The D-SUB 9 connections are:

Pin 1: TX Pin 2: RX Pin 3: GND

Additional configuration settings can be made using nanoNavigator.

# 2.5 NLC-COM-GSM SIM card installation

The NLC-COM-GSM module requires a SIM card.



The SIM card must be obtained locally and be compatible with a local service provider's towers. Additionally, the plan purchased from the service provider must include SMS messaging (texting). Not all service providers utilize a GSM network for texting.

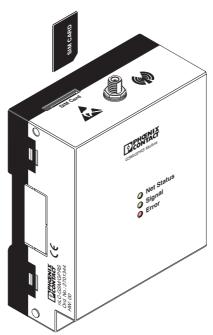


Figure 2-7 SIM card location

Orient the SIM card so the beveled corner is toward the middle and is inserted first. Push the card in until it clicks and stays seated. The slot is spring-loaded and will push the card out if not fully inserted in the slot. A small portion of the SIM card will stick out of the module when properly seated.

To remove a card, push the card into the slot and then release. The spring mechanism will eject the card from the slot.



#### NOTE:

If the SIM card has a PIN, do not insert the SIM card until after the PIN is entered in the nanoLC configuration (see Section 3.1, "Passwords").

# 2.6 LED indicators

The LED indicators on the module indicate the following:

Table 2-2 LED indication

LED	Color	LED Status	Indication
NET STATUS	green	Off	Modem is off or no power present
		1-second flash	Connected to cellular network
		1/3-second flash	Searching for cellular network
SIGNAL	green	Off	No signal
		Flash(es)-pause	Flash rate corresponds to the number of bars on a cell phone <sup>1</sup>
			<ul> <li>On = 5 bars</li> <li>4 flashes = 4 bars</li> <li>3 flashes = 3 bars</li> <li>2 flashes = 2 bars</li> <li>1 flash = 1 bar</li> <li>Off = no service</li> </ul>
ERROR	red	Off	No alarms
		Flash	Incorrect PIN number <sup>2</sup>
		On	Indicates no SIM card installed or corrupt configuration file

The signal strength flash rate corresponds to the Low RSSI signal warning message selection (see Section 3.2.2, "System messages").

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> This is the SIM card PIN number. Requires a reset by the service provider if an incorrect PIN is entered three times in a row.

# 3 Configuration

Configuration of the NLC-COM-... module (and other nanoLC modules) requires nanoNavigator software (<a href="www.nanoNavigator.com">www.nanoNavigator.com</a>).



NLC-050... base units require nanoNavigator 2.x. NLC-035... and NLC-055... base units require nanoNavigator 4.x. This document describes the configuration of an NLC-COM-... communication module using nanoNavigator 4.x. Differences that effect the use of the software are described when necessary.

## 3.1 Passwords

Passwords provide security and protection against unauthorized use of the NLC-COM-... module.

 SMS password: This optional password prevents unauthorized access. Passwords can be up to 16 characters and must use SMS-valid characters (see "Message format from NLC-COM-..." on page 30). Telephone numbers are blocked even if they are entered in the Telephone Book, if the message does not include the password.

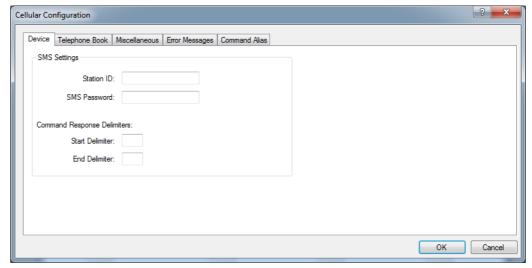


Figure 3-1 "Cellular Configuration... Device" dialog box (nanoNavigator 4.x)

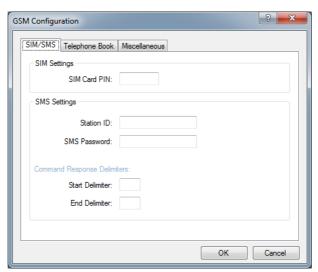


Figure 3-2 "GSM Configuration... SIM/SMS" dialog box (nanoNavigator 2.x)

If multiple nanoLC controllers are configured to send to the same telephone number, a **Station ID** provides a method to identify the sending controller. The Station ID is included with the message sent from the controller (see "Message format from NLC-COM-..." on page 30).

The "Station ID" field is case sensitive. The field can accept up to 16 characters and must be SMS-valid characters.

### 3.1.1 Command response delimiters

When communicating directly to a device other than a telephone or another nanoLC, it may be useful to signify the beginning and end of an SMS message through the use of delimiters. Delimiters are placed at the beginning and end of messages generated by the NLC-COM-... module.

The 2-character delimiter should be a character sequence that will not be generated by the nanoLC. Project messages do not include the delimiters. If message delimiters are required within a project message, they may be entered in the message using the Message Editor.

#### Example

For example, for the following message sent to the nanoLC:

W F 1=1

The response from the nanoLC will be

/\*W F 1=1: Command Executed\*/

where /\* is entered in the "Start Delimiter" field and \*/ is entered in the "End Delimiter" field (see "SMS messages" on page 27 for more information on message formats). This example uses start and stop delimiter character sequences that are not part of any standard fault, warning or reply message.

# 3.2 Messages

A total of 16 telephone numbers can be entered in the Telephone Book. Each number can be individually configured to send project messages, system messages (faults and warnings), accept control messages (SMS commands) or receive copies of all incoming SMS commands (CC Cmd).



NLC-050... base units are limited to eight numbers in the Telephone Book. In addition, they do not have the ability to configure the time constraints for outgoing and incoming messages.

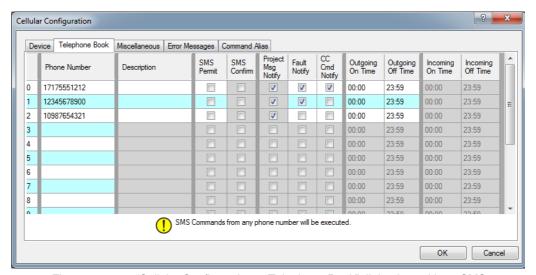


Figure 3-3 "Cellular Configuration... Telephone Book" dialog box without SMS commands (nanoNavigator 4.x)

Use the "Cellular Configuration... Telephone Book" dialog box to enter the telephone numbers and select the type of message(s) that can be received/transmitted. Each row allows entry of a telephone number and the corresponding message types to send or receive from that phone number. Messages are grouped as SMS commands or notifications. The check boxes are gray and cannot be clicked until a number is entered in the "Phone Number" field.



The "Phone Number" field accepts numeric characters and characters that might typically be used to express a telephone number, such as #, -. +, ( and ).

For NLC-035... and NLC-055... controllers, two additional capabilities are available: a general description of the phone number can be entered, such as the name of the individual being notified, and the time to send or receive messages from a particular phone number can be restricted.

The default setting for the Telephone Book is to allow all telephone numbers full access to the controller. This is indicated by a message at the bottom of the dialog box.



#### NOTE:

If no telephone numbers are entered in the Telephone Book, the NLC-COM-... module is "open" to anyone who knows the telephone number. Restriction of incoming calls only occurs if a number is entered in the "Phone Number" field and the corresponding "Permit" check box is clicked.

The message will change as soon as a check box is clicked (see Figure 3-5).

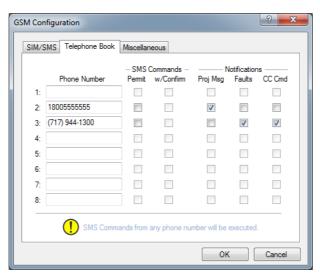


Figure 3-4 "GSM Configuration... Telephone Book" dialog box without SMS commands (nanoNavigator 2.x)

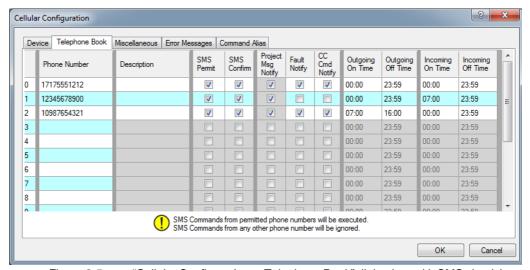


Figure 3-5 "Cellular Configuration... Telephone Book" dialog box with SMS check box (nanoNavigator 4.x)

#### The message types are:

- SMS Permit: Restricts incoming calls to telephone numbers entered in the "Phone Number" field with the corresponding "Permit" box checked.
- SMS Confirm: Sends a confirmation message of an executed command back to the listed telephone number.
- Project Msg Notify: Sends messages created in the project using the Message Editor to the listed telephone number. For nanoNavigator 4.x, this is an indicator only.
   Selection to send this type of message is made in the Message Block (see Figure 3-8).
- Fault Notify: Sends fault and recovery notification messages to the listed telephone number.
- CC Cmd Notify: Sends a copy of all read and write messages to the listed telephone number. This is typically not checked for the same telephone number that is permitted to perform read and write commands, but is used by a person or machine to monitor commands coming from other sources. Text messages to this number also include the command that was sent as well as the telephone number of the sender.
- Outgoing On/Off Time: Enter a time in the "Outgoing On Time" column that will begin
  the sending time period for SMS and notification messages. The "Outgoing Off Time"
  column sets the end of the sending time period. This time period is only for outgoing
  messages for the selected telephone number. The default is to allow messages to be
  sent anytime.
- Incoming On/Off Time: Enter a time in the "Incoming On Time" column that will begin
  the receiving time period for SMS and notification messages. The "Incoming Off Time"
  column sets the end of the receiving time period. This time period is only for incoming
  messages for the selected telephone number. The default is to allow messages to be
  received anytime.

# 3.2.1 Project messages

User-defined project messages are created within each project using the Message Editor. With NLC-050... controllers, the destination of the message is selected by checking either the "nanoLC Display" check box, the "SMS Message" check box or both.

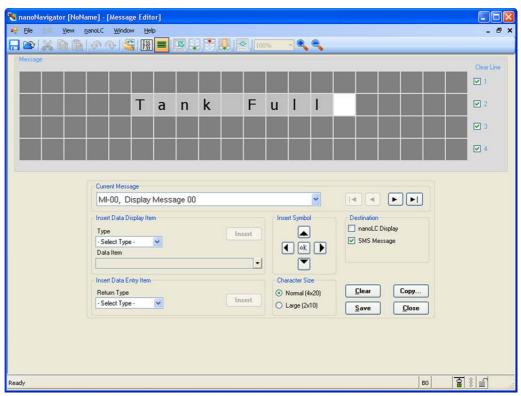


Figure 3-6 Message Editor (nanoNavigator 2.x)

Message

Garage Door

is Open

Current Message

MI-00, Display Message 00

Insert

Insert

With NLC-035... and NLC-055... controllers, the message is also created using the Message Editor.

Figure 3-7 Message Editor (nanoNavigator 4.x)

- Select Type -

Insert Data Entry Item

Data Item

Return Type

- Select Type -

The destination of the message is selected within the Message Block. Place a Message Block in the chart. Double click the block to open the "Message Block" dialog box.

Insert Symbol

Normal (4x20)

O Large (2x10)

Clear

Save

Сору..

Close

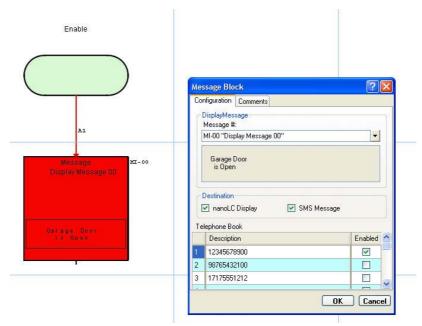


Figure 3-8 "Message Block" dialog box (nanoNavigator 4.x)

Select the desired message from the drop-down menu (the message is displayed below the "Message #" field) and then select the destination, either the local operator panel ("nanoLC Display" check box), a remote location ("SMS Message" check box) or both. Click the "Enable" check box for the desired phone number to have the selected message sent when called by the project.



The "SMS Message" check boxes are only visible if a communication expansion module that supports this function is selected in the "nanoLC Configuration" dialog box. If necessary, check the configuration to ensure the correct module is selected.

Further configuration of each telephone number is available from the "Cellular Configuration... Telephone Book" dialog box.

Project messages always send all 80 available characters in an SMS message, even if the "block" is blank in the Message Editor.

# 3.2.2 System messages

Several NLC-COM-... module (Table 3-1) and base unit (Table 3-2) conditions are monitored, and warning and recovery messages are provided to the specified telephone numbers. To send the Warning and Recovery Messages to a telephone number, click the "Faults" check box next to "Phone Number" field (see Figure 3-5).

Table 3-1 NLC-COM-... module conditions

Condition	Warning message	Recovery message
No nanoLC Communications	No communication with nanoLC. SMS messages will not be processed.	Communications with nanoLC restored
Low RSSI signal strength	Low SMS Signal Strength. SMS messages may not be processed	SMS Signal Strength OK
SMS Watchdog Timer	SMS Command Watchdog Timeout Error	SMS Command Watchdog OK
Loss of power <sup>1</sup>	Power Failure: System Stopped	None

The loss of power condition only applies to the NLC-COM-CELLULAR-CDMA module

The NLC-COM-CELLULAR-CDMA has capacitors that allow sending a power fault message to power down the module in a controlled manor. Upon detection of a power loss, the device will stop responding to incoming messages and not process messages from the nanoLC.

If a power failure occurs, the device sends out the power failure message to specified telephone numbers in the Telephone Book with the Fault Notify option checked. The messages are sent, beginning with the first number, and continues until backup power is exhausted or all listed numbers are notified.

If power remains in the capacitors and supply power has not been restored, a shut down of the NLC-COM-CELLULAR-CDMA is initiated.

While the LEDs visible to the user may appear off, the module may still be running and can take up to five minutes to fully discharge the capacitors after power is removed.

To configure the Cellular Warning Message options, select the "nanoLC... Configuration" menu.

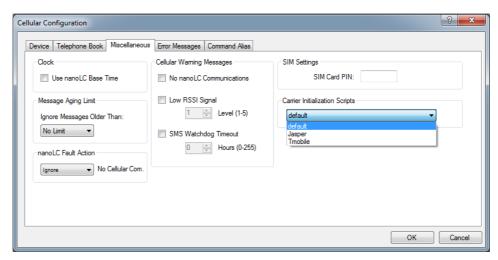


Figure 3-9 "Cellular Configuration... Miscellaneous" dialog box (nanoNavigator 4.x)

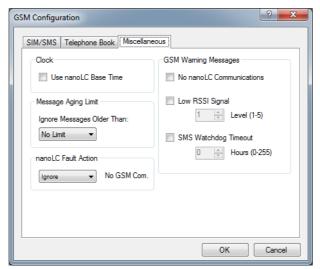


Figure 3-10 "GSM Configuration... Miscellaneous" dialog box (nanoNavigator 2.x)

To activate the sending of a warning message, click the check box for the appropriate message (see Table 3-1). In addition to the check box, a value must be entered for the **Low RSSI Signal** and **SMS Watchdog Timeout** conditions.

When the "SMS Watchdog Timeout" box is checked, the nanoLC expects to receive an SMS message within the selected time period or else a warning message is generated. This is repeated for each timeout period until a message is received. A value between **0** hours to **255** hours must be entered using the drop-down menu.



Selecting 0 hours as the SMS Watchdog Timeout will not supply any warning messages. Enter a number from 1 to 255 hours to receive warning messages.

The Low RSSI Signal value ranges from 1 to 5 with 1 being the lowest signal strength and 5 being the highest. The RSSI signal is evaluated during idle times. If the signal is found to be below the threshold for a one-hour period, the fault message is generated. If a low RSSI signal is sent and then the RSSI signal returns to be above the minimum threshold for 15 minutes, the recovery message is sent. In addition to the message, the LEDs on the module will flash to indicate signal strength (see "LED indicators" on page 12).

For example, if the RSSI signal value is set to 4, the warning message is sent when the RSSI signal strength drops below 4 after an hour of being at that level. If the signal strength returns to four or above and remains there for 15 minutes, the recovery message is sent.



For comparison, think of the RSSI Signal value as the number of bars on a cell phone. When the signal strength is no longer at 4 bars, a warning message is sent by the module.

#### Base unit messages

In addition to the NLC-COM-... module conditions, messages can be sent concerning nanoLC base unit conditions (Table 3-2). nanoLC base conditions can be handled in one of three ways: they can be ignored, a warning message can be generated (the device continues to function) or a fault message can be generated (the device stops and power must be cycled in order to return to normal operation).

Ignore: SMS Module OK flag (GSM F-88 or F-152) is off, No Communication Mod-

ule flag (base unit F-67 or F-131) is on, Operator Panel indicates normal op-

eration and the project continues to run.

Warning: SMS Module OK flag (GSM F-88 or F-152) is off, No Communication Mod-

ule flag (base unit F-67 or F-131) is on, Operator Panel displays "Warning -

No Com" and the project continues to run.

Fault: SMS Module OK flag (GSM F-88 or F-152) is off, No Communication Mod-

ule flag (base unit F-67 or F-131) is on, Operator Panel displays "Stopped -

No Com" and the project is stopped.



The Fault setting is not recommended and has been removed from nanoNavigator 4.4 and greater.

Select the desired method using the appropriate "nanoLC Fault Action" drop-down menu.



Refer to the nanoNavigator help system for information on configuring the base conditions as either a warning or fault.

For NLC-035... and NLC-055... base units, the fault and warning messages can be customized (see "Customized system messages" on page 25).

Table 3-2 nanoLC conditions

Condition	Fault message	Warning message <sup>1</sup>
Start-up tests <sup>2</sup>	Start-up Test Error. System Stopped	
No base project	Base Fault: No Project	
Incorrect base project	Base Fault: Wrong Base	
I/O Expansion	Base Fault: I/O expansion Fault	
RTC not functioning	Base Fault: No RTC Module	Base Warning: No RTC Module
RTC battery failure	Base Fault: RTC Battery Fail	Base Warning: RTC Battery Fail
Operator Panel failure	Base Fault: No LCD Module	Base Warning: No LCD Module
Communication Module failure	Base Fault: No COM Module	Base Warning: No COM Module
Retentive fault	Base Fault: Retentive Fault	
RTU timeout has expired	Base Fault: Serial RTU Timeout	Base Warning: Serial RTU Timeout
Wrong project version	Base Fault: Wrong Project Version	

Blank indicates that the condition does not send a message. NLC-035... and NLC-055... base units allow the entry of a message but it is never sent

For base unit conditions configured as a fault, the project will stop executing, turning off all outputs. The power must be cycled to return normal operation.



Base unit warning and fault messages are also provided to the operator panel, if installed.

If a failure occurs, the base unit and NLC-COM-... module may not communicate and, therefore, the base unit cannot initiate the message. If the base unit and NLC-COM-... module cannot communicate, the NLC-COM-... module will generate a message stating that it has lost communication with the base unit. When communication is re-established, a message stating such will be generated.



Fault and warning messages are only sent once. If the nanoLC is rebooted and the condition remains, a new message will be generated. Also, SMS Watchdog Timeout warnings are sent for every watchdog cycle.

# 3.2.3 Options

### Time

To utilize the time from the cellular network, leave the "Use nanoLC Base Time" box unchecked (see Figure 3-9). The network time will be transferred to the nanoLC base unit at power up.

Click the "Use nanoLC Base Time" check box to enter a time in nanoNavigator and transfer the time to the base unit.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Only applicable for NLC-050... base units

#### Message Aging

To prevent the NLC-COM-... module from receiving and executing old read/write commands, select a time from the "Ignore Messages Older Than" combo box. Options range from 5 minutes to 1 year (see Figure 3-9). Only messages with a time stamp of less than the selected value will be executed.



Message aging compares send and receive times within the SMS message and does not relate to the time setting in the nanoLC. The SMS message includes time zone and daylight saving time information, allowing message aging limits to function regardless of location.

Message aging should not be used in conjunction with the "Use nanoLC Base Time" since the cellular network's time will likely differ from the nanoLC time.

#### SIM card PIN for NLC-COM-GSM



SIM card PINs will be ignored by the NLC-COM-CELLULAR-CDMA.

Most SIM cards come with a password. This password must be entered in the NLC-COM-GSM module to allow the module to communicate through the SIM card. The SIM card PIN must be entered at initial bootup or access to the SIM card is denied. Typically, if an incorrect PIN number is entered three times in a row, the SIM card is locked and must be reset by the service provider.

#### SIM card PIN bootup procedure for NLC-COM-GSM

If the SIM card utilizes a PIN for security (varies by service provider), the correct PIN number must be entered in the project configuration before it is downloaded to the nanoLC and transferred to the NLC-COM-GSM module.

At power up the NLC-COM-GSM attempts to unlock the SIM with the PIN. If the nanoLC is booted with a SIM card installed and an incorrect PIN number in the configuration, it will result in a failed sign-on attempt, exhausting one of the three sign-on attempts.

Typically if the incorrect PIN is tried three times, the SIM is locked and you must contact the service provider. If power is applied before there is a configuration, the NLC-COM-GSM module attempts to unlock the SIM with no PIN and that is one of the three attempts.

### Carrier initialization scripts for NLC-COM-GSM

The NLC-COM-GSM supports carrier initialization scripts (specific customer modem setup parameters) through the use of a customizable AT command sequence text file.

The AT command sequences are stored in flash memory on the base unit and transferred to the NLC-COM-GSM during configuration transfers. The command sequences are then executed prior to the modem's standard initialization sequence execution. This mechanism supports the power-up, lost communication, and "Download & Go" capabilities currently supported within the system. The allocated memory for AT command strings is limited to 512 bytes.



Carrier initialization scripts are only applicable to the NLC-035... and NLC-055... base units. Carrier initialization scripts will be ignored by the NLC-COM-CELLULAR-CDMA.

## 3.2.4 Additional NLC-035... and NLC-055... options

With the higher memory capability of the NLC-035... and NLC-055... base units, additional messaging capability is available.

### **Customized system messages**

System messages from the base unit (Table 3-2) can be customized with user-defined text.

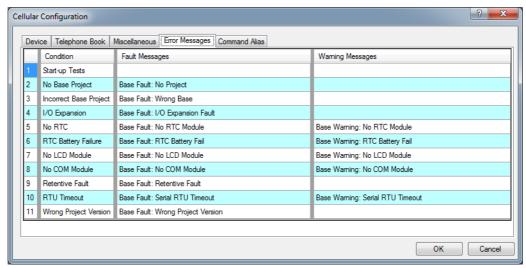


Figure 3-11 "Cellular Configuration... Error Messages" dialog box showing default messages

To edit a message, go to the "Cellular Configuration" dialog box, click the "Error Messages" tab and then click in the appropriate cell and type the desired message. Messages are limited to 60 characters, but are retained in the event of power loss.

#### **Command aliases**

To simplify the sending of control messages and put them in plain language, aliases can be created.

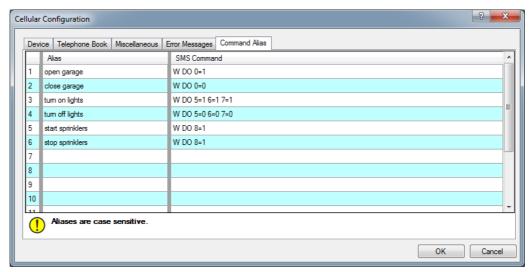


Figure 3-12 "Cellular Configuration... Command Alias" dialog box

This feature assigns an alias to an SMS command string (see Section 4.1, "SMS messages"). The user sending the SMS command can then enter the alias in their phone rather than the command string, eliminating the need to remember syntax and message formats. For instance, instead of remembering that the garage door is connected to digital output DO 0 on the controller and entering the command W DO 0=1, the command "open garage" can be entered and sent.



Aliases are case sensitive and must be entered exactly as listed for the command to function.

Up to 16 aliases may be stored. The alias is limited to 24 characters, while the SMS Command field accepts up to 40 characters.

If a password is configured for the NLC-COM-..., aliasing requires that the password be sent before the alias.

#### test open garage

The password cannot be hardcoded within the alias table.

# 4 Control messages

# 4.1 SMS messages



#### NOTE:

If no Telephone Numbers are entered in the telephone book, the NLC-COM-... module is "open" to anyone who knows the telephone number. Restriction of incoming calls only occurs if a number is entered in the "Phone Number" field and the corresponding "Permit" check box is clicked.

Control messages can be **received** by the NLC-COM-... module to **read** or **write** (R/W) all Data Item Types except inputs and high-speed counter/accumulators, which are read only. Confirmation control messages are also **sent** by the NLC-COM-... module in response to R/W requests to inform the original sender of the message of the actions taken.

- SMS Permit restricts incoming calls to numbers entered in the "Phone Number" field with the corresponding "Permit" check box clicked. By default, all properly formatted incoming commands (see Section 4.1.1) to the NLC-COM-... are processed by the module.
- Confirmation of control messages are generated by default. To disable confirmation messages, enter the telephone number in the "Phone Number" field of the "Telephone Book," check the "SMS Permit" box, and uncheck the "w/Confirm" box.

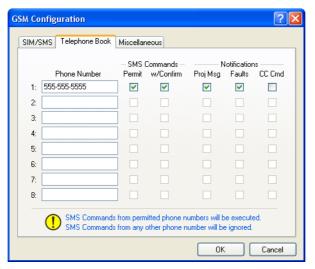


Figure 4-1 "GSM Configuration... Telephone Book" dialog box (nanoNavigator 2.x)

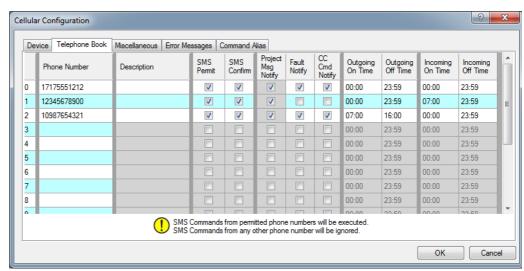


Figure 4-2 "Cellular Configuration... Telephone Book" dialog box (nanoNavigator 4.x)

The "Permit" and "w/Confirm" check boxes are typically applied to the same telephone number to ensure the sender of the request receives confirmation that their control message was received and correctly completed.



Confirmation messages are provided only to the requesting telephone number, even if multiple numbers are selected. To send messages to non-requesting numbers, use the "CC Cmd" check box.

Successful **read** requests are returned to the requestor without requiring the "w/Confirm" box to be checked.

The "w/Confirm" box is normally unchecked when the messages are exchanged between computers/controllers because the receiving device would not be able to evaluate the confirming message.



When exchanging data between two nanoLC controllers, the nanoLC receiving the write command must have the "w/Confirm" and "CC Cmd" boxes unchecked. Because confirmation messages are not recognized, a Command Failed message would be returned in response to the Confirmation message.

The "w/Confirm" box can also be unchecked to save money, if the data plan uses a permessage pricing plan for each SMS message.

Anytime a phone number is changed, either by the nanoNavigator configuration, an SMS command or a Modbus command, nanoNavigator will prompt to determine how to synchronize the Telephone Book. The following dialog box appears the next time you attempt to select "Download" or "Download & Go" commands.

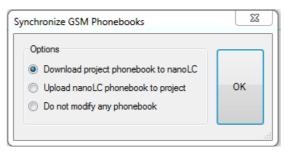


Figure 4-3 "Synchronize GSM Telephone Book" dialog box

#### The options are:

- Download project phonebook to nanoLC: This sends the Telephone Book selections from the nanoNavigator configuration settings to the nanoLC.
- Upload nanoLC phonebook to project: This sends the Telephone Book in the nanoLC and overwrite the nanoNavigator configuration settings.
- Do not modify any phonebook: This leaves the Telephone Book as is in the nanoLC and the nanoNavigator configuration settings, even if they are different.

# 4.1.1 Message format to NLC-COM-...

The format of the messages is:

[<password>] <command> <data item type> <ID> [=<value>]

#### where

[<password>] is the password field (only required if initially enabled through nanoNavigator). No spaces are allowed within a password.



Items within brackets ([])indicate an optional item.

<command> is either an "R" (read) or "W" (write) character.

<data item type> is the symbol association with the Data Item Type on the nLC.
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is the specific instance of the data item type. Multiple IDs may be entered in a single message, provided each one is separated by a space.

[=<value>] is the subsequent value that is to be written by the nanoLC in a write command.

The password is case sensitive and accepts upper and lower-case characters. The command and data item type fields must be entered as upper-case characters.

Not all data types can be written. Table 4-1 shows the available SMS data symbols, the corresponding nanoNavigator Data Item Type, and if the data type is read/write or read only.

Table 4-1 Data types

Description	SMS data symbol	nanoNavigator Data Item Type	Read/write
Digital Input	DI	I	R
Digital Output	DO	Q	R/W
Flag	F	F	R/W
Analog Input	Al	Al	R
Analog Output	AO	AO	R/W
Register	R	R	R/W
Timer/Counter Preset <sup>1</sup>	TCP	TC	R/W
Timer/Counter Accumulator <sup>2 3</sup>	TCA	TC	R/W
Output Timer Duration (Preset) <sup>1</sup>	OTP	TC	R/W
Output Timer Accumulator <sup>2</sup>	OTA	TC	R/W
High-Speed Counter (Preset)	HSP	HS	R/W
High-Speed Accumulator	HSA	HS	R

- 1 Preset references the value that the timer is set to.
- <sup>2</sup> Accumulator references the current value of the timer when the message is sent.
- Timer/Counter Accumulators configured as HH:MM:SS and MM:DD:YY lose their format when sent in an SMS message. See "Formatted Data Item Types" on page 33 for more information.



Available data types vary based on the configuration of the nanoLC.

# 4.1.2 Message format from NLC-COM-...

A reply message from the NLC-COM-... module will have the format:

[<start delimiter>]<response> [<stationID>] <command> <data item type> <ID> [=<values>][<end delimiter>]

#### where:

[<start delimiter>] signifies the beginning of the message (see "Command response delimiters" on page 14).

<response> is the acknowledgement of the message. The acknowledgement will be:

- "Command Executed" to indicate proper execution.
- "Command Failed <reason>" to indicate the message request was not properly executed and, if possible, provides a reason. Possible reasons are listed in Table 4-2.

[<stationID>] is the station ID of the module. If no station ID is entered in the project, this is blank.

<command> is the same as what was entered in the message request, either "R" (read) or "W" (write).

<data item type> is the symbol association with the Data Item Type on the nanoLC. <ID> is the specific instance of the data item type. Multiple IDs may be entered in a single message provided each one is separated by a space.

[=<values>] is the subsequent value that was written by the nanoLC. [<end delimiter>] signifies the end of the message (see "Command response delimiters" on page 14).

Table 4-2 Command Failed: reasons

Error string	Reason
Command Failed: BaseCommsFailure	Communication between the NLC-COM and base unit failed
Command Failed: Expired	Allowable time to receive a message has expired
Command Failed: SIM	SIM card storage failed
Command Failed: Command	R or W command not detected
Command Failed: Password	Invalid password
Command Failed: Command DataType Mismatch	Command invalid for data item type (e.g., W DI)
Command Failed: DataType	Invalid data type (e.g., not DO, DI, etc.)
Command Failed: DataPoint	Invalid data ID value
Command Failed: Password Size	Change password failed because it was less than four characters
Command Failed: No Password	Change password failed. The password must be set at initial bootup or it cannot be entered.
Command Failed: Number Inactive	Command initiated during non-allowable times as set in the incoming and outgoing configuration table
Command Failed: Access Denied	The Telephone Book is locked

The following provides several sample messages showing message format and possible response messages from the NLC-COM-... module.

# 4.1.3 Examples

Details of the Modbus commands are available in "NLC-COM-... Modbus commands" on page 53. The following examples provide the details of how the nanoLC and phone will respond.

#### Example 1 - Read

To read the output value from Q-00 from an SMS-capable device, such as a telephone or controller, type

#### R DO 0

The nanoLC will respond as follows:

Command Executed R DO 0=1

where 1 is the status stored in Q-00, indicating the output is on (if output Q-00 was off, this would read 0=0).



Digital data items (inputs, outputs, flags) use **1** to indicate true or on and **0** to indicate false or off.

If the nanoLC cannot complete the command, the response will be as:

Command Failed: <xxxx> R DO 0=1

where xxxx is the reason for the failure (see Table 4-2).

#### Example 2 - Read with SMS password

To read the output value from Q-00 from a nanoLC that uses an SMS password (see Figure 3-1) of **1e4ba**, type

1e4ba R DO 0

The nanoLC will respond as follows:

Command Executed R DO 0=1

#### Example 3 - Write

To write an output value to Q-00 (make it true), type W DO 0=1

The nanoLC will respond as follows:

Command Executed W DO 0=1

#### Example 4 - Write with station ID

To write an output value to Q-00 (make it true), type

W DO 0=1

If the nanoLC configuration includes a Station ID (see Figure 3-1) of **Unit\_1**, the response would be:

#### Command Executed Unit\_1 W DO 0=1



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The Station ID is only included in the response from the nanoLC.

#### Example 5 - Read multiple values

To read the flag status of F-02, F-03 and F-06, type

**RF236** 

The nanoLC will respond as follows:

Command Executed R F 2=1 3=1 6=0

where 2=1, 3=1 and 6=0 are the statuses stored in F-02, F-03 and F-06 (flags 2 and 3 are on and flag 6 is off).

### Example 6 – Read multiple values with delimiters

To read the flag status of F-02, F-03 and F-06, type R F 2 3 6

If the nanoLC configuration included a start delimiter of / \* and an end delimiter of \*/ (see "Command response delimiters" on page 14), the response would be:

/\*Command Executed R F 2=1 3=1 6=0\*/



The command delimiters are only included in the response from the nanoLC.

#### Example 7 - Write multiple values

To write the register values for R-00, R-01 and R-04, type

W R 0=3 1=2457 4=240

where R-00 becomes 3, R-01 becomes 2457 and R-04 becomes 240.

The nanoLC will respond as follows:

Command Executed W R 0=3 1=2457 4=240

#### Example 8 - Write multiple values with SMS password, Station ID and delimiters

To write the register values for R-00, R-01 and R-04 to a nanoLC controller that uses an SMS password of **1e4ba**, Station ID and delimiters, type

1e4ba W R 0=3 1=2457 4=240

If the nanoLC configuration included a Station ID of **Unit\_1**, a start delimiter of /\* and an end delimiter of \*/, the response would be:

/\*Command Executed Unit\_1 W R 0=3 1=2 4=240\*/

#### 4.2 Formatted Data Item Types

There are a few Data Item Types that require special handling when sending Control messages. These involve special formatting in either an HH:MM:SS (Time) or MM:DD:YY (Date).

Within the nanoLC controller, the formatting for these Data Item Types are stored in a 32-bit format divided into four bytes using a binary number system. Each field corresponds to a byte (see Figure 4-4).

When a Data Item Type with this format is sent in an SMS message, the message structure cannot maintain the nanoLC formatting and is converted to a base-10 decimal value.

If the control message is sent to a device that can convert the decimal value to a different numbering system, either binary or hexadecimal (hex), as most computers and PLCs can, it can be configured so the user sees the original format (HH:MM:SS).

If the message is sent to an SMS-capable telephone, the user will need to convert the decimal value manually. Many calculators (including Microsoft® Calculator included with the Windows® operating system) are capable of converting between numbering systems. Enter the decimal value in "decimal" mode (Dec) and then change to either binary mode (Bin) or hexadecimal (Hex) mode.

#### Binary time example

To read the Timer/Counter value of TC-03, which is configured to use the HH:MM:SS format, type

R TCA 3

The nanoLC will respond as follows:

Command Executed R TCA 3=726583

where 726583 is the decimal equivalent of the value stored in TC-03. This decimal value must be converted to a binary format to determine the actual time value in an HH:MM:SS format. Figure 4-4 shows the conversion process.

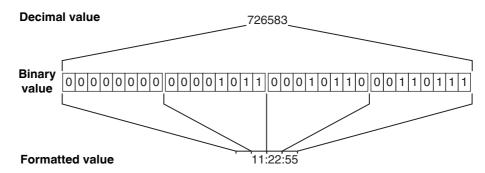


Figure 4-4 Time-formatted Data Item Type message conversion using binary format

#### Binary date example

To read the Register value of R-02, which is configured for the MM:DD:YY format, type R R 2

The nanoLC will respond as follows:

#### Command Executed R R 2=723993

where 723993 is the decimal equivalent of the value stored in R-02. This decimal value must be converted to a binary format, in YY:MM:DD format, to determine the actual date value. Figure 4-5 shows the conversion process.

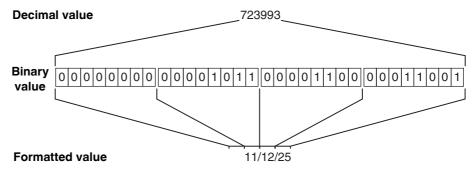


Figure 4-5 Date-formatted Register message conversion using binary format

#### Hex time example

Using the same Timer/Counter value as the previous binary time example, the nanoLC will respond as follows:

Command Executed R TCA 3=726583

Convert the decimal value to a hex format using Microsoft Calculator or equivalent. Each two hex digits are then individually converted to decimal format.

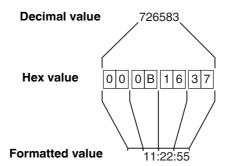


Figure 4-6 Time-formatted Data Item Type message conversion using hex format

#### 4.3 Specialty configuration commands

Several commands for configuring the NLC-COM-... modem are available.

#### 4.3.1 SMS password change

A user with proper rights can change the SMS password from telephone numbers with the "Permit" box checked.



The SMS password is only loaded when the nanoLC is first powered.

The format for this command is:

<password> <CP> <passwordnew>

where:

<password> is the password field.

<CP> is the command "Change Password".

<passwordnew> is the new password.

The nanoLC will respond, if the "w/Confirm" box is checked, with the status message Command Executed <password> CP cpasswordnew>

to indicate proper execution. If the command failed, the message

Command Failed: <reason> Password <password> CP <passwordnew>

indicates the message request was not properly executed and, if possible, provides a reason for the failure (see Table 4-2).



The SIM card PIN cannot be changed.

If the password is ever forgotten or lost, you will not be able to communicate with the NLC-COM-... via SMS. However, re-downloading the project using nanoNavigator will load the original configuration, which contains the password.



After downloading the configuration, reboot the nanoLC to pass the configuration from the base unit to the NLC-COM-... module.

#### 4.3.2 SMS lock/unlock Telephone Book command

NLC-035... and NLC-055... base units lock the Telephone Book, by default, to prevent unauthorized modification of the Telephone Book parameters.



This command does not apply to NLC-050... base units.

The SMS message format to lock and unlock the Telephone Book is:

#### [<password>] <command> <PBL> <value>

#### where:

[<password>] is the optional password field.

<command> is either an "R" (read) or "W" (write) character. Read commands are not applicable to this command.

<PBL> is the command "Phone Book Lock".

<value> is the desired status.

The nanoLC will respond, if the "w/Confirm" box is checked, with the status message

Command Executed <command> PBL <value>

to indicate proper execution. If the command failed, the message

Command Failed: <reason> <command>

indicates the message request was not properly executed and, if possible, provides a reason for the failure (see Table 4-2).

A value of 1 locks the Telephone Book and a value of 0 unlocks the Telephone Book. Any changes made will not take effect until after the Telephone Book has been locked. After 15 minutes of inactivity, the Telephone Book locks automatically.



The SIM card PIN cannot be changed.

#### 4.3.3 SMS read/write Telephone Book command

NLC-035... and NLC-055... base units have the ability to read and write Telephone Book entries. The Telephone Book must be unlocked to perform this command. If the Telephone Book has not been unlocked, an error message is returned.



This command does not apply to NLC-050... base units.

The SMS message format to read a Telephone Book entry is:

[<password>] <command> <PBE> <ID> [<value>]

#### where:

[<password>] is the optional password field.

<command> is either an "R" (read) or "W" (write) character.

<PBE> is the command "Phone Book Entry".

<*ID>* is the specific instance of the Telephone Book.

[<value>] is the desired status for write commands.

The nanoLC will respond, if the "w/Confirm" box is checked, with the status message Command Executed <command> PBE <ID> <value>

to indicate proper execution. If the command failed, the message

Command Failed: <reason> <command>

indicates the message request was not properly executed and, if possible, provides a reason for the failure (see Table 4-2).



The write PBE command does not require a password, even if one is assigned. This is the only command with an optional password.

#### Read example

To read the Telephone Book entry 4, type R PBE 4

The nanoLC will respond as follows:

Command Executed: R PBE 4=+17179441300

#### Write example

To write 717-944-1300 as Telephone Book entry 0, send **W PBE 0** 

from the 717-944-1300 phone number.

The nanoLC will respond as follows:

Command Executed: W PBE 0=+17179441300

#### 4.3.4 SMS read/write Telephone Book parameters

NLC-035... and NLC-055... base units have the ability to read and write Telephone Book parameter entries. These parameters are the on/off times for the SMS and notification messages. The Telephone Book must be unlocked to perform this command. If the Telephone Book has not been unlocked, an error message is returned.



This command does not apply to NLC-050... base units.

The SMS message format to read or write a Telephone Book parameter entry is:

[<password>] <Command> <PBP> <ID> [<bitfield>,<aaaa>,<bbbb>,<ccc>,<dddd>]

#### where:

[<password>] is the optional password field.

<command> is either an "R" (read) or "W" (write) character.

<PBP> is the command "Phone Book Parameter".

<ID> is the specific instance of the Telephone Book.

[<bitfield>] is a series of five bits (on/off) that activate and deactivate the different message types (see Table 4-3).

[<aaaa>] is the on time for sending notices from the NLC-COM-....

[<bbb>] is the off time for sending notices from the NLC-COM-....

[<ccc>] is the on time for accepting SMS commands sent to the NLC-COM-....

[<dddd>] is the off time for accepting SMS commands sent to the NLC-COM-....

The nanoLC will respond, if the "w/Confirm" box is checked, with the status message

Command Executed <Command>

<PBP> <ID>=<bitfield>,<aaaa>,<bbbb>,<ccc>,<dddd>

to indicate proper execution. If the command failed, the message

Command Failed: <reason> <command>

indicates the message request was not properly executed and, if possible, provides a reason for the failure (see Table 4-2).

Bitfield assignments are used to turn on and off the different project message types. 1 indicates on, and 0 indicates off.

Table 4-3 Bitfield order

Х	Х	Х	Х	х
SMS Permit	SMS Confirm	Project Msg Notify	Fault Notify	CC Command Notify



The "SMS Confirm" check box cannot be deactivated unless the "SMS Permit" check box has been checked.

For more information on selecting bitfields, see "Bitfield to hex address conversion" on page 56.

In response to read requests, all fields will be returned by the NLC-COM-.... For write requests, it is not necessary to populate each field, but each field must be accounted for and separated using commas for the NLC-COM-... to process the command properly. There must be four comma separators used in the command even if on/off times are not being changed.

#### Read example

To read the Telephone Book parameters of entry 2 shown in Figure 3-5, type R PBP 2

The nanoLC will respond as follows:

Command Executed R PBP 2=11111,0700,1600,0000,2359

This indicates that, for line 2 in the Telephone Book, each check box is checked, notification messages will be sent and received between 7 a.m. and 4 p.m., and SMS messages will be received anytime.

#### Write example 1

To enable SMS Permit and SMS Confirm messages between 7:15 a.m. and 9:00 p.m. for Telephone Book entry 6, type

W PBP 6=11000,,,0715,2100

The nanoLC will respond as follows:

Command Executed: W PBP 6=11000,,,0715,2100

#### Write example 2

To change the permissible SMS Permit time to 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. for Telephone Book entry 2, type

W PBP 2=,,,0800,1630

The nanoLC will respond as follows:

Command Executed: W PBP 2=,,,0800,1630

#### Write example 3

To change the message types (bitfield) for Telephone Book entry 5 without modifying any on or off times, type

W PBP 5=11100,,,,

The nanoLC will respond as follows:

Command Executed: W PBP 5=11100,,,,

#### 4.3.5 SMS write to remove Telephone Book entry command

NLC-035... and NLC-055... base units have the ability to remove an individual Telephone Book entry. The Telephone Book must be unlocked to perform this command. If the Telephone Book has not been unlocked, an error message is returned.



This command does not apply to NLC-050... base units.

The SMS message format to remove a Telephone Book entry is:

[<password>] <Command> <PBR> <ID>

#### where:

[<password>] is the password field.

<command> is either an "R" (read) or "W" (write) character. Read commands are not applicable to this command.

<PBR> is the command "Phone Book Remove".

<*ID*> is the specific instance of the Telephone Book.

The nanoLC will respond, if the "w/Confirm" box is checked, with the status message Command Executed <Command> <PBR> <ID>

to indicate proper execution. If the command failed, the message

Command Failed: <reason> <command>

indicates the message request was not properly executed and, if possible, provides a reason for the failure (see Table 4-2).

#### Example

To remove Telephone Book entry 3, type

W PBR 3

The nanoLC will respond as follows:

**Command Executed: W PBR 3** 

#### 4.4 Aliases

In lieu of remembering the various SMS commands for all the different Data Item Types, aliases can be created. An alias allows a command to be represented by a more meaningful name, such as "open garage" or "close garage." These are entered in the "Configuration... SMS Alias" dialog box (see Figure 3-12).



Creating aliases for specialty configuration commands is not recommended.

Up to 16 aliases can be stored. To enter an alias for an SMS command, simply enter a name in the "Alias" column and the command string in the "SMS Command" column. Note that the Alias is case sensitive and must be entered on the phone exactly as it is entered in the dialog box, i.e., no extra spaces.

When an alias is used to request information, the response differs slightly from the response that is received from a "direct" SMS command. The responses do not reference the instance, and the status for a digital command is plain language (on or off) instead of 1 or 0.

#### Digital example

A direct SMS command can be written as

W DO 0=1 1=1 2=0 4=1 5=0

The nanoLC will respond with the status message

Command Executed W DO 0=1 1=1 2=0 4=1 5=0

If an alias of "Irrigate house 3" is created for this same command, the nanoLC will respond to this alias command as

Command Executed: Irrigate house3 ON ON OFF ON OFF

#### **Analog example**

If an alias of "tank levels" is created with the command

R AI 0 2

The nanoLC will respond to this alias command as

Command Executed: tank levels 10 5

#### **Passord example**

If the analog command above utilized a password of **field2**, the alias command is **field2 tank levels** 

The nanoLC will respond to this alias command as

Command Executed: tank levels 10 5



The password cannot be hardcoded into the alias table and must be entered for each command.

## 5 Sample project

This section guides a user through an sample project to highlight use of the NLC-COM-... module. A familiarity with the nanoLC and programming with nanoNavigator is assumed.

#### 5.1 Requirements

The following is required to configure and use the NLC-COM-... module:

- nanoLC base unit with firmware 1.02 or higher (included with nanoNavigator 2.1 and higher).
- NLC-COM-GSM module (Order No. 2701344) or NLC-COM-CELLULAR-CDMA (Order No. 2400428).
- base unit option module to communicate between the base unit and the PC (Order No. 2701195 for USB, 2701179 for RS-232, 2701185 for RS-485).
- 24 V DC power source for the NLC-COM-... module and base unit (for base unit Order No. 2701069 a 120 or 230 V DC power source is required).
- PC with nanoNavigator installed. NLC-050... base units require nanoNavigator 2.1 or higher; NLC-035... and NLC-055... base units require nanoNavigator 4.0 or higher. Both versions are available for download at <a href="https://www.nanoNavigator.com">www.nanoNavigator.com</a>.
- cellular account with an SMS text plan to allow SMS messaging. The NLC-COM-GSM requires a SIM card.
- telephone with SMS messaging capability to send and receive messages to the nanoLC.

#### 5.2 Installation

To install the NLC-COM-... module:

- 1. Follow the package slip instructions and assemble the nanoLC components.
- 2. Connect power to the base unit and NLC-COM-... module.
- 3. Apply power to the nanoLC and NLC-COM-... module. The nanoLC Power LED should illuminate and the operator panel, if present, should show status information about the nanoLC.

On the NLC-COM-... module, the red Error LED will come on and stay on because there is not a valid configuration loaded in the NLC-COM-... module.



If the system was used before, there may be a valid configuration in the NLC-COM-... module. In this case the red Error LED will come on briefly, then turn off.

4. Start nanoNavigator and click the "Create a new Project" button on the "nanoNavigator Startup" dialog box.



Figure 5-1 "Create a new Project" button

- From the "nanoLC Configuration" dialog box, select the nanoLC base from the "Base Unit" drop-down menu. Additional settings may be made after clicking the "Configure" button.
- 6. From the "nanoLC Configuration" dialog box, select the NLC-COM-... module from the "COM Interface" drop-down menu.

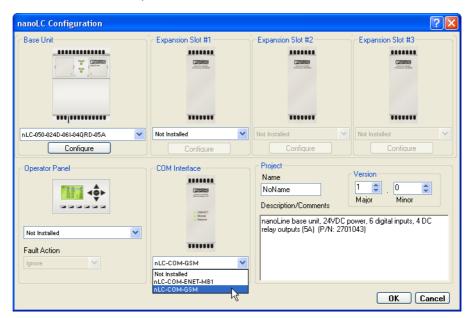


Figure 5-2 Selecting the NLC-COM-... module (nanoNavigator 2.1 shown)

7. Click the "Configure" button to open the "GSM Configuration" dialog box. Click the "SIM/SMS" tab and enter the SIM card PIN number in the "SIM Card PIN" number field, if applicable. This is provided by the GSM network service provider. Refer to Section 3.1, "Passwords" for information concerning other fields.

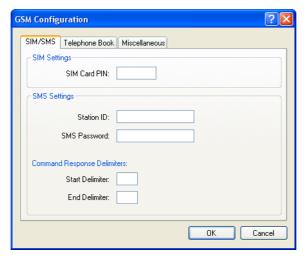


Figure 5-3 "GSM Configuration... SIM/SMS" dialog box (nanoNavigator 2.1 shown)

- 8. Click the "Telephone Book" tab. The Telephone Book determines:
  - which telephone numbers are accepted.
  - where fault and warning messages are sent.
  - which telephone numbers can send read/write commands.
  - where project messages are sent.

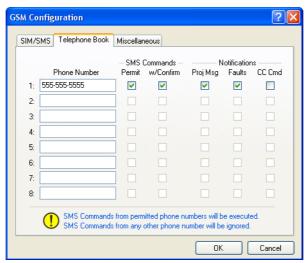


Figure 5-4 "GSM Configuration... Telephone Book" dialog box (nanoNavigator 2.1 shown)

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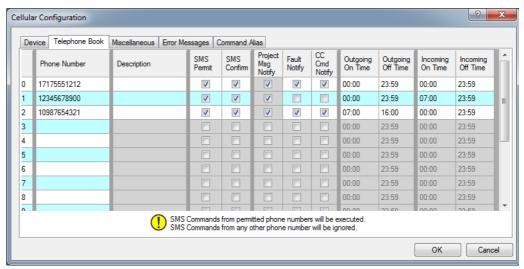


Figure 5-5 "Cellular Configuration... Telephone Book" dialog box (nanoNavigator 4 shown)

Each line references a single telephone number. The various check boxes on the line configures the NLC-COM-... module to send or accept specific types of messages from that telephone number.



#### NOTE:

If no telephone numbers are entered in the Telephone Book, the NLC-COM-... module is "open" to anyone who knows the telephone number. Restriction of incoming calls only occurs if a number is entered in the "phone number" field and the "SMS Permit" box is checked.

For this example, do the following:

- Phone number: Enter the number for the telephone that will be used to send and receive messages.
- Description (nanoNavigator 4 only): Allow the entry of a description for the line, such as "maintenance" or "Fred".
- Permit: Place a check in this box. This configures the nanoLC to accept read and write commands from this number. Read message replies are also sent to this number.
- w/Confirm: Place a check in this box. This configures the nanoLC to send confirmation of write commands to this number.
- Proj Msg: This indicates the nanoLC is configured to receive messages created and called by the project as it is running. These messages are created in the Message Editor.
- Fault: Place a check in this box. This configures the nanoLC to send any warning and fault messages to this number.
- CC Cmd: Do not place a check in this box. This configures the nanoLC to send confirmation of read/write commands from other telephone numbers to this telephone number.
- On and off times (nanoNavigator 4 only): Incoming and outgoing messages can be restricted by entering on and off times in the appropriate columns.

Click the "Miscellaneous" tab to verify settings. For the purpose of this example, the
default settings are sufficient. Refer to "System messages" on page 20 for
information concerning specific fields.

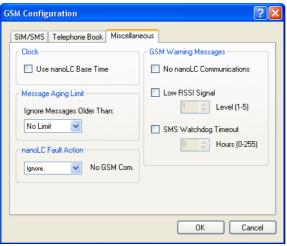


Figure 5-6 "GSM Configuration... Miscellaneous" dialog box (nanoNavigator 2.1 shown)

9. Click the "OK" button when finished configuring the NLC-COM-... module. Click the "OK" button to close the "nanoLC Configuration" dialog box. When closed, a prompt appears to "Select Type of First Chart". Click the "Create Flow Chart" button.



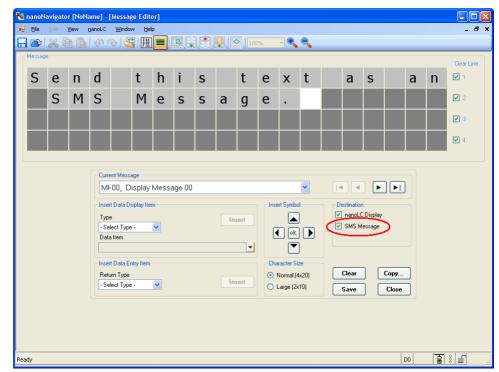
NLC-035... and NLC-055... base units have additional settings for modifying the system message text (see "Customized system messages" on page 25) and aliases ("Command aliases" on page 26).



10. Click the "Message Editor" icon and create a message. For NLC-050... base units, click the "SMS Message" check box to send the message to the NLC-COM-... module when the project calls the message.



For NLC-035... and NLC-055... base units, the destination selection is in the Message block (see Figure 5-9).



Click the "Save" button, then click the "Close" button.

Figure 5-7 Message Editor (nanoNavigator 2.1 shown)

11. Create the flow chart shown in Figure 5-8 using the chart editor.

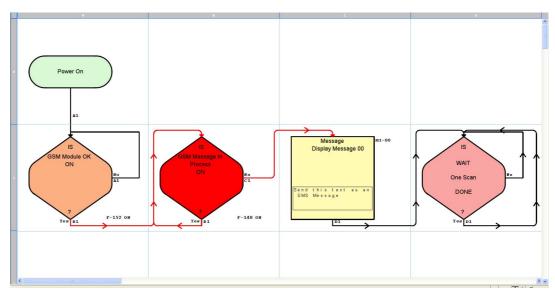


Figure 5-8 Flow chart to send an SMS message

This project sends one message and then stops. The following explains the content of each cell:

- Cell A1 provides a test to verify that the NLC-COM-... module is OK. It checks Flag 88 (NLC-050...) or Flag 152 (NLC-035... and NLC-055...).
- Cell B1 provides a test to verify that the NLC-COM-... module is not busy sending another message. It controls Flag 84 (NLC-050...) or Flag 148 (NLC-035... and NLC-055...). Communication within the nanoLC controller is much faster than SMS network speed. If multiple messages are received at the NLC-COM-... module, it will stop sending the current one (before finishing) and begin sending the most recent message.
- Cell C1 passes the message from the base unit to the NLC-COM-... module to be transmitted along the SMS network. For NLC-035... and NLC-055... base units, double-click the message block and check the "SMS Message" check box.

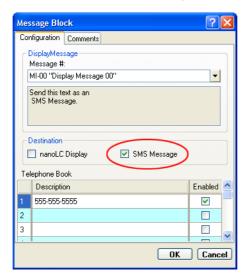


Figure 5-9 "Message Block" dialog box with "SMS Message" check box selected (nanoNavigator 4)

- Cell D1 provides a Wait block to finish the program.
- 12. Save the project.



13. Click the "Download & Go" button. The project will download into the attached nanoLC controller and a monitor window will automatically open.

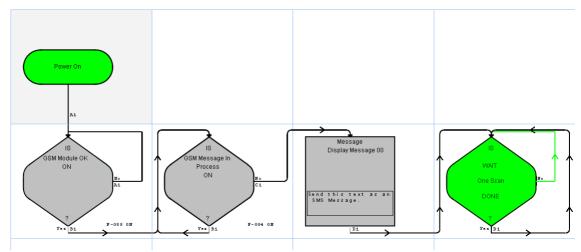


Figure 5-10 Flow chart running in "Monitor" window

 The "Monitor" window will follow the progress of the project execution and end at the Wait block.

After execution, the following should occur to indicate a successful project message transfer:

- the red Error LED on the module will appear briefly, indicating the new configuration is transferred.
- the green Signal LED will indicate the strength of the signal. If the LED is off, the NLC-COM-... module was unable to locate and connect to the cellular network. If so, check the antenna connection. If connection is OK, move the controller to an area with better network connection.
- the green Net Status LED should flash (1/3 on, 2/3 off) indicating the module is connected to the network.
- the specified telephone should receive the "Send this text as an SMS message" message.



At system power up, it may take up to two minutes for the Net Status and Signal LEDs to become active. This depends on the SMS carrier and the signal strength.

15. To confirm message delivery to the NLC-COM-... module, reply to the message received with the text "R R 1". If the NLC-COM-... module receives the message, it will reply with the "Command Executed R R 1=0" message.



Use of the reply feature on the telephone will ensure that the correct telephone number is entered. If the telephone does not have a reply feature, ensure that the number of the NLC-COM-... module is entered correctly.

If no reply message is received, check the configuration of the telephone number in the "Cellular Configuration... Telephone Book" dialog box. Verify the following:

- the "Permit" box is checked next to the correct telephone number.
- no abbreviations are entered in the "Phone" field.

After making corrections, repeat the process from step 13 (Download & Go).

16. If messages from the telephone are still not being accepted by the NLC-COM-... module, uncheck all "accept" check boxes. This will allow the nanoLC to accept calls from all telephone numbers. Repeat the process from step 13 (Download & Go). If this does not allow the message to go through, there is a problem with the sending telephone. Either it is not SMS capable or the data plan does not include a data or text plan.

## A Technical appendix

### A 1 System flags

nanoLC has predefined system flags that provide status information during project execution. These flags are available through nanoNavigator. The flags that appear in the Data Item Editor depend on the configuration options specified.

### A 2 NLC-COM-... flags

There are eight flags associated with the NLC-COM-... module. They are:



NLC-COM-... flags are labeled **SMS** in nanoNavigator 4.x and **GSM** in nanoNavigator 2.x.

Table A-1 NLC-COM-... flags

FI	ag	Name	Description
NLC-050	NLC-035 NLC-055		
F-72	F-136	SMS Command 00 (Reserved)	Reserved for future use
F-73	F-137	SMS Command 01 (Reserved)	Reserved for future use
F-74	F-138	SMS Disable Port	Disables the SMS port from remote access from outside network sources
F-75	F-139	SMS Command 03 (Reserved)	Reserved for future use
F-76	F-140	SMS Command 04 (Reserved)	Reserved for future use
F-77	F-141	SMS Command 05 (Reserved)	Reserved for future use
F-78	F-142	SMS Command 06 (Reserved)	Reserved for future use
F-79	F-143	SMS Command 07 (Reserved)	Reserved for future use
F-80	F-144	SMS Command 08 (Reserved)	Reserved for future use
F-81	F-145	SMS Command 09 (Reserved)	Reserved for future use
F-82	F-146	SMS Command 10 (Reserved)	Reserved for future use
F-83	F-147	SMS Command 11 (Reserved)	Reserved for future use
F-84	F-148	SMS Message in Process	True when NLC-COM module is sending SMS message. After the message is delivered, the flag resets to false. To ensure delivery of previous message, wait until this flag is false.
F-85	F-149	SMS Command 13 (Reserved)	Reserved for future use
F-86	F-150	SMS Command 14 (Reserved)	Reserved for future use
F-87	F-151	SMS Command 15 (Reserved)	Reserved for future use

Table A-1 NLC-COM-... flags

FI	ag	Name	Description
NLC-050	NLC-035 NLC-055		
F-88	F-152	SMS Module OK	True when NLC-COM module is available. The NLC-COM module becomes available after:  initialization (module must be configured in the base unit; valid SIM card must be installed, unlocked and operating (if applicable); the network must be available; the device must be activated with the cellular carrier).  network registration is complete  signal strength is greater than 0 bars  two-way communication is occurring between the NLC-COM module and base unit
F-89	F-153	SMS SIM Card Fault	True when SIM card has a fault or is not installed.
F-90	F-154	SMS Status 02 (Reserved)	Reserved for future use
F-91	F-155	SMS Status 03 (Reserved)	Reserved for future use
F-92	F-156	SMS Low Signal Fault	True when wireless signal is less than the preset RSSI value. This flag resets when the signal returns and remains at or above the preset RSSI value for 15 minutes. The flashing Signal LED also indicates the RSSI number.
F-93	F-157	SMS Watchdog Timeout Fault	True when the SMS Watchdog Timeout value is exceeded. This flag resets to false when an SMS message is received. The Watchdog timer restarts and becomes true again if no other SMS messages are received within the timeout value. Note that:  - performing a "Download & Go" will not reset this flag.  - performing a project message send will not reset this flag.  - performing a power cycle will reset this flag.  - sending an SMS message to the NLC-COM will reset this flag.
F-94	F-158	SMS Status 06 (Reserved)	Reserved for future use
F-95	F-159	SMS Status 07 (Reserved)	Reserved for future use
F-96	F-160	SMS Status 08 (Reserved)	Reserved for future use
F-97	F-161	SMS Status 09 (Reserved)	Reserved for future use
F-98	F-162	SMS Status 10 (Reserved)	Reserved for future use
F-99	F-163	SMS Status 11 (Reserved)	Reserved for future use
F-100	F-164	SMS Status 12 (Reserved)	Reserved for future use
F-101	F-165	SMS Status 13 (Reserved)	Reserved for future use
F-102	F-166	SMS Status 14 (Reserved)	Reserved for future use
F-103	F-167	SMS Status 15 (Reserved)	Reserved for future use

### A 3 NLC-COM-... Modbus commands

Table A-2 Data Item Type commands

	SMS command	Data Item Type symbol	Modbus type	Modbus function codes	Start address	End address	Number registers	Register type
Dig	ital Outputs					•		
	R	DO	Coil	1	0x0000	0x001F	32	Bit
	W	DO	Coil	5, 15	0x0000	0x001F	32	Bit
Dig	ital Inputs	1		•			•	•
	R	DI	Discrete	2	0x0000	0x001F	32	Bit
Flag	gs							
	R	F	Coil	1	0x1000	0x103F	64	Bit
	W	F	Coil	5, 15	0x1000	0x103F	64	Bit
Ana	alog Inputs			•		•		•
	R	Al	Input	4	0x0000	0x0007	8	16-bit
Ana	alog Outputs				•		•	•
	R	AO	Holding	3	0x1000	0x1007	8	16-bit
	W	AO	Holding	6, 15	0x1000	0x1007	8	16-bit
Reg	gisters			•		•		•
	R	R	Holding	3	0x0000	0x001F	32	32-bit
	W	R	Holding	6, 15	0x0000	0x001F	32	32-bit
Tim	er/Counter P	reset		•		•		•
	R	TCP	Holding	3	0x2000	0x201F	32	32-bit
	W	TCP	Holding	6, 15	0x2000	0x201F	32	32-bit
Tim	er/Counter A	ccumulator		•			•	•
	R	TCA	Holding	3	0x5000	0x501F	32	32-bit
	W	TCA	Holding	6, 15	0x5000	0x501F	32	32-bit
Out	put Timer Du	ration (Preset	:)					
	R	OTP	Holding	3	0x3000	0x301F	32	32-bit
	W	OTP	Holding	6, 15	0x3000	0x301F	32	32-bit
Out	put Timer Ac	cumulator						
	W	OTA	Holding	6, 15	0x6000	0x601F	32	32-bit
Hig	h-Speed Cou	nter (Preset)						
	R	HSP	Holding	3	0x4000	0x4003	4	32-bit
	W	HSP	Holding	6, 15	0x4000	0x4003	4	32-bit
Hig	h-Speed Cou	nter (Accumu	lator)					
	R	HSA	Holding	3	0x7000	0x7003	4	32-bit
Cha	ange Password	d						
	СР	-	_	_	_	_	_	_

#### Additional NLC-035... and NLC-055... commands only

Table A-3 provides a list of commands that are applicable only to NLC-035... and NLC-055... base units.

Table A-3 NLC-035... and NLC-055... commands

	SMS command	Data Item Type symbol	Value	Bitfield	Time <sup>*</sup>
Pho	onebook Lock	(			
	W	PBL	0 (unlock)		
			1 (lock)		
Pho	onebook Entr	y			
	R	PBE	0 15		
	W	PBE	0 15		
Pho	onebook Entr	y Parameters			
	R <sup>†</sup>	PBP	0 15	5-bit	4-bit
	W	PBP	0 15	5-bit	4-bit
Phonebook Remove					
	W	PBR	0 15		

<sup>\*</sup> There are four Time fields, each with 4 bits

### A 4 Accessing Telephone Book data using Modbus

Using a Modbus client such as Modscan32 allows viewing and editing of telephone numbers and other phone book parameters.



Modbus is excellent for viewing the phone numbers and their parameters, but to make changes to the Telephone Book, it is recommended that nanoNavigator be used, as it is easier to understand and use.



Any Modbus client may be used. This example and accompanying images were created using Modscan32.

The Modbus ranges are shown in Table A-4.

Table A-4 Modbus Telephone Book range

	Modbus	Modscan32	Length
Phone numbers	0xA000	40961	80
Parameters	0xA100	41217	80

<sup>†</sup> Read commands do not provide for entry of the bitfield or the time commands

The following example uses 1234567890 as Telephone Book entry 0 and 15. Figure A-1 shows the telephone number entries.

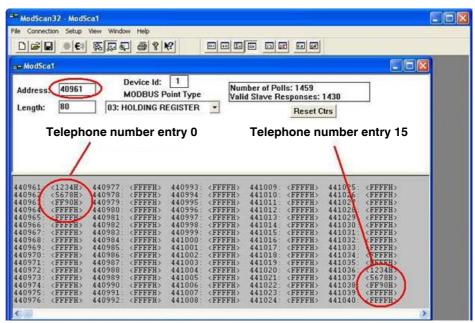


Figure A-1 Telephone number locations in Modscan32 (Address 40961)

Figure A-1 shows the telephone numbers **0** and **15** using Modscan32, located in Address 40961. Both phone numbers have an entry of **1234567890**. Figure A-2 shows the bitfield of telephone number **0**.

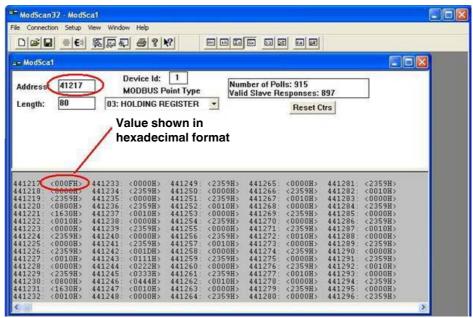


Figure A-2 Phone Book Parameters in Modscan32 (Address 41217)

The value of 000FH can be translated using Table A-5, which shows it is the equivalent of having the bitfield command of **11111** (Table A-5). This results in the configuration shown in Figure A-3.

Table A-5 Bitfield to hex address conversion

SMS Permit	SMS Confirm	Project Msg Notify*	Fault Notify	CC Cmd Notify	Hexadecimal value
1	1	1	1	1	000FH
1	1	1	1	0	000EH
1	1	1	0	1	000DH
1	1	1	0	0	000CH
0	0	1	1	1	000BH
0	0	1	1	0	000AH
0	0	1	0	1	0009H
0	0	1	0	0	0008H
1	1	1	1	1	0007H
1	1	1	1	0	0006H
1	1	1	0	1	0005H
1	1	1	0	0	0004H
0	0	1	1	1	0003H
0	0	1	1	0	0002H
0	0	1	0	1	0001H
0	0	1	0	0	0000H

This field is always set to 1.



Figure A-3 Telephone Book showing value 000FH

To change the message types to have only the "SMS Permit" and "SMS Confirm" check boxes checked, refer to Table A-5 which shows that the value **0004H** is the equivalent of bitfield **11100**.

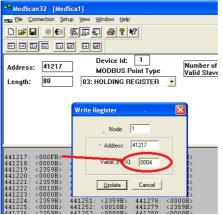


Figure A-4 "Write Register" command

Entering a "Write Register" command with a value of 0004H (Figure A-4) will result in the Telephone Book configuration shown in Figure A-5.

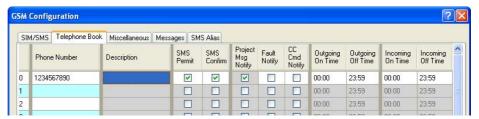


Figure A-5 Telephone Book showing value 0004H

## A 5 Ordering data

#### **Products**

End bracket, to screw on NS 35

Description	Туре	Order No.	Pcs. / Pkt.
Nanoline GSM communications module, 12 to 24 V DC input power, modem	NLC-COM-GSM	2701344	1
Nanoline CDMA communications module, 12 to 24 V DC input power, modem for use with Verizon wireless network	NLC-COM-CELLULAR-CDMA	2400428	1
Accessories			
Description	Туре	Order No.	Pcs. / Pkt.
Antenna, multi-band, omnidirectional, 5 m cable, SMA connector (male)	TC ANT MOBILE WALL 5M	2702273	1
Antenna, quad-band, omnidirectional, 2 m cable, SMA connector (male)	PSI-GSM/UMTS-QB-ANT	2313371	1

## A 6 Technical specifications

### A 6.1 GSM modem module (Order No. 2701344)

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General	
Dimensions (H x W x D)	103 x 80 x 60 mm
Weight	140 g
Degree of protection	IP20
Operating temperature range	-2555°C
Storage temperature range	-2585°C
Humidity (maximum) @ 25°C	90%
Supply voltages	
Power supply (nominal)	1224 V DC
Power permissible range (ripple included)	9.628.8 V DC
Current consumption - transmitting (typical)	
12 V	223 mA
24 V	120 mA
Current consumption - registered idle (typical)	
12 V	80 mA
24 V	50 mA
Connection	Screw
Transmit data	
Frequency	Quad band EGSM 850, 900, 1800, 1900 MHz
Power output	
850, 900 MHz	2 W
1800, 1900 MHz	1 W

Interface	
SIM card	6 pin, 3 V
Communication method	GSM
Antenna connection	SMA-F
Antenna requirements	
Power	>2 W
Gain	<3 dBi
Impedance	50 Ω
Recommended VSWR	≤2:1
Required VSWR	≤10:1

### A 6.2 CDMA modem module (Order No. 2400428)

General	
Dimensions (H x W x D)	103 x 80 x 60 mm
Weight	152 g
Degree of protection	IP20
Operating temperature range	-3070°C
Storage temperature range	-3085°C
Humidity (maximum) @ 25°C	90%

Supply voltages	
Power supply (nominal)	1224 V DC
Power permissible range (ripple included)	9.628.8 V DC
Current consumption - transmitting (typical)	
12 V	400 mA
24 V	210 mA
Current consumption - registered idle (typical)	
12 V	70 mA
24 V	30 mA
Connection	Screw terminal, 0.2 - 2.5 mm <sup>2</sup> , 12-24 AWG, 0.5-0.6 Nm

Transmit data	
Frequency	800/1900 MHz CDMA 1x RTT/1x EV-DO Rev. A
Power output	0.25 W

Interface	
Communication method	CDMA
Antenna connection	SMA-F
Antenna requirements	
Power	>0.25 W
Gain	<5.12 dBi
Impedance	50 Ω
Recommended VSWR	≤2:1
Required VSWR	<u>&lt;5</u> :1

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